THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 2nd March 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Closure of the hostel attached to the Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya.

* 24 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya Students' Hostel has been closed from 26th February 1954; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hostel was closed from 25th February 1954. The matter is under investigation."

* 25 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether 144 Harijan students were sent out of the Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya, Madras, on the 24th February 1954;

(*b*) when the hostel attached to the Vidyalaya was locked out;

(*c*) whether the students made representations to the Director of Harijan Welfare on the 23rd and 24th February 1954; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The students of the Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya did not attend the workshop on the afternoon of 24th February 1954. They did not take meals that night, and also on the morning of 25th February 1954. The students did not attend the morning session of the workshop on 25th February 1954 also. The hostel was closed from 25th February 1954 and was locked out from 26th February 1954.

" (*c*) The students did not make any representation to the Director of Harijan Welfare on the 23rd or on the 24th. They made representations to him in his office on the 25th.

" (*d*) The matter is under investigation."

SRI A. RATNAM:—" ஹார்ஸ்டல் கிராண்டு ரூல் எட்டாவது விதிப் பிரகாரம் ஹார்ஸ்டல். மானேஜ்மெண்டார் ஹரிஜன க்ஷேம நல அதிகாரியின் உத்தரவு இல்லாமல் நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கும் ஹாஸ்டலை மூட முடியாது.